

Regional Service Council Meeting For Region Six
Teleconference
12-7-05

The third meeting of the DCS Region 6 Regional Council was teleconferenced on 12-7-05 at 4:00 p.m. Participants for this meeting included Judge Julian Ridlen from Cass County, Barbara Hendrickson, Guardian Ad Litem, Ruby Troglen, Fulton County Foster Parent, James Shiveley, Regional Child Welfare Services IV-B Coordinator, Glynn Hipp, DCS Regional Manager, Chris Ackerman, Fulton County Director, Anita Closson, Cass County Director, Margery Justice, Wabash County Director, Roger Suhre, Howard County Director, Fay Russell, Miami County Director, Marilyn Robinson, Howard County DCS Supervisor, and Ramona Mahoney, Fulton County Family Case Manager.

Glynn Hipp began the meeting by informing everyone that the Regional Service Council meeting dates will be posted on the DCS website.

The revised copy of the Regional Services spreadsheet was forwarded to everyone by e-mail. The group identified some of the services that are still on the “wish list” for one or more counties. Service gaps include the following:

- Transportation
- Respite
- Inpatient Substance Abuse
- Hispanic Foster Homes
- Group Home for unwed teens
- Child care for third shift parents
- Parent Nurturing classes
- Parenting Assessments
 - Howard County will bring information on Parenting Assessments.
 - Barbara Hendrickson will bring information on HSPP (Health Service Provider in Psychology).
- Parenting classes for the Developmentally Disabled
- Resources for Domestic Violence
- Legal Services for Non Custodial parents
 - Lawyers and pro-bono work
 - Screening for pro-bono representation
 - If case is pro-bono, the court has the option to waive court costs
 - How would DCS determine who would get pro-bono work if not a valid report?
 - It was stated this would be a stretch to be considered preventative services.
- More respite for medically fragile children
- Additional Foster Parents in most counties/better Foster Parent recruitment
- Foster Parent mentoring
- Pre and Post Adoption Services
- Psychological Inpatient treatment

Needs Analysis – Who would need these services and how many cases would they impact? Jim Shiveley has the needs analysis for Cass, Fulton, Miami, and Wabash Counties. He will retrieve information for Howard County from his counterpart and forward all information to Glynn. Glynn will then share with the group.

Glynn then reminded everyone that we are working to not only offer the same type of services in every county, but also to provide the same quality of service in every county in our region, so that children and their families are served equally well regardless of where they reside.

County Programs that are Nontraditional

Fulton

- Two Churches have youth groups
 - Faith Outreach and Olive Branch
 - Each have around 100 kids per week in attendance – Church funded
- Little Lambs – (F&C) Preschool program, that is the same as Headstart, that will accept children until Headstart has room to take them.

Wabash

- Day Reporting
 - 1 to 5 days out of school, parents and child go to court. Child goes to Alternative schools.
 - If they reoffend – CPS has Parent Assessment done.

Cass

- Parents pay \$10 up front and \$5 per day for each child in the Alternative School
- The child goes to Opportunity Center to be watched as they finish school work.
- Supervisor (proctor) gets the money parents pay.
- Schools have fairly uniform rules for OSS, but not exactly the same.

IV B Contract Process

- The Contracts need to be postmarked by December 22 to Jim Shiveley
- Copies will also be mailed to each county that the provider would like to work in
- The week of January 20th, the proposal analysis done by Jim Shiveley's team will be delivered to Directors and Regional Managers.
- Regional Service Councils must vote on proposals and inform Jim Shiveley of outcomes by February 3rd.

In closing, it was decided that there will not be a meeting in January. This will give everyone more time to review contracts and have them ready by our next meeting. **Therefore, our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 1st at 4:00 p.m. at the Miami County DCS Office.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Brooke Rentschler, Recorder

Documents distributed at the meeting:

Agenda

Regional Services By County (Updated)